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Dear Examiner Kennedy,

The assignee hereby revokes all powers of attorney previously given and appoints hereby the practitioners associated with the Customer Number <u>44955</u> as its attorneys or agents to prosecute the above-identified application, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith.

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